



# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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## ***Working with COSA ---- Keys to faster payments***

Welcome to doing business with the City of San Antonio (COSA)! We appreciate our suppliers and vendors and offer the following guidelines to ensure we are in the best position to process your payments quickly and timely:

- ❖ COSA works on a Purchase Order (PO) system. It is the vendor's responsibility to obtain a valid Purchase Order from the ordering department each time an order is placed.
  - The PO number is required to be included on all invoices and should be included on shipping documents where possible.
  - City PO numbers begin with "45" or "80" and are 10 digits in length.
  - Invoices received without a valid PO number are subject to return for correct billing.
  - Payment date is determined from the later of: date of receipt of goods/service or the date of receipt of a valid invoice by the City plus the number of days/ payment terms agreed to in the contract.
  - PO's are issued for a specific quantity and/or dollar value. Vendors should fill orders up to that amount and have a method of tracking when the PO value has been met. When the PO is complete, the vendor should contact the ordering City Department for a new PO number before further goods or services are provided.
  - Please ensure your invoice billing is in the same quantity and net price values as the bid. The PO will be set up per the contract and the invoicing must match the detail on the PO.
- ❖ It is our policy to not make manual corrections to invoices. Most City contracts do not allow miscellaneous charges, delivery charges and other surcharges.
  - Credit memos will be accepted to offset pricing issues.
  - Other erroneous items included may result in rejection of the invoice and will require a new, correct invoice.
- ❖ Original invoices and monthly statements should be submitted directly to Accounts Payable: Please ensure you have rules in place in your system that will prevent unauthorized requests to change the billing address.

### ***By Mail:***

City of San Antonio  
Finance Department / Accounts Payable  
P.O. Box 839976  
San Antonio, TX 78283-3976

***By Delivery service:***

City of San Antonio  
Finance Department / Accounts Payable  
111 Soledad, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Antonio, TX 78205

***By Electronic submission:*** .pdf or .tif format is required. Please ensure each invoice is submitted in a separate file and each file name is a unique identifier (no file should have the same name as another file being submitted).

[ap@sanantonio.gov](mailto:ap@sanantonio.gov)

Original, first time submission invoices only

[apteam@sanantonio.gov](mailto:apteam@sanantonio.gov)

Statements & status inquiries

***Please note:*** Invoices submitted by electronic submission are only considered “original” when the submission comes directly from the vendor to Accounts Payable using this e-mail address. You may copy departmental personnel on the e-mail as requested.

- ❖ At a minimum, all invoices should include the following fields and information:
  - Vendor name, address and phone number
  - dba name (if applicable)
  - Remit address for payments (if applicable)
  - Ship to name and address
  - Invoice number
  - Invoice date
  - Purchase Order number
  - Payment terms including discounts or retainage terms
  - Line item detail for each item ordered including quantity, unit price, total
  - Total invoice amount.
- ❖ The City is sales tax exempt. Please ensure your system is properly maintained to ensure sales tax is not included on your invoices. If you need a Sales Tax exemption form, contact the ordering Department.
- ❖ Change of address or change of remittance address notifications should be submitted in writing to [vendors@sanantonio.gov](mailto:vendors@sanantonio.gov) or fax to (210) 207-7270 along with appropriate documentation. An updated W-9 showing the new address is required.
- ❖ Each COSA vendor is assigned to a specific AP Specialist, ready to answer your inquiries. For the contact name, please call the Accounts Payable section’s main phone number and ask to be directed.

***Main phone: 210-207-2064***

We thank you for taking the time to review this information and look forward to working with you.

***Finance Department  
City of San Antonio***